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NEW OFFICERS

Officers for the coming year were elected by the State Conference meeting at Santa Cruz as follows:

Moderator: Rev. P. Pierson Parker.
Assistant Moderator: Mrs. Ernest Evans.
Registrar: Rev. Harley H. Gill.
Preacher: Rev. Stephen C. Peabody.
Alternate Preacher: Rev. W. H. L. Marshall.

Board of Directors: (Class of 1942) Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mrs. Stephen C. Peabody, Rev. V. V. Loper, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Major Albert J. Watson, Mrs. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. John H. Gregg.

Holdover members of the Board of Directors are as follows: (Class of 1940) Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. A. R. Boone, Prof. Wm. H. Davis, Dr. Ray E. Gilson, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev. J. N. Sauer, Rev. Arthur L. Rice; (Class of 1941) Rev. P. Pierson Parker, Rev. Charles E. Ward, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Rev. Victor H. Morgan, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Mr. C. M. Doxsee, Mrs. A. V. Dunn.

Commitee on Ministerial Standing: (Class of 1940) Rev. V. H. Morgan; (Class of 1942) Rev. H. J. Loken, Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. J. H. Bennett.

Two additional classes in the Committee on Ministerial Standing continue their office from the previous year: (1940) Rev. Norman B. Henderson, Rev. James Muilenburg, Rev. H. F. Swartz; (1941) Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. W. B. Thorp, Rev. Benjamin Gould.

Representatives to Anti-Saloon League: Mr. George S. Martin, Rev. Gail Cleland.

Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Rev. C. Virgil Carlson, Mr. Frank H. Seely, Rev. Verdette Walters.

Fraternal Delegate to Southern California: Rev. Harley H. Gill.

The Conference did not elect representatives to the California Church Council, referring that matter to the Board of Directors.

No delegates to the General Council were elected since, by action of the Conference, in the future selections are to be made by the various Associations and confirmation by the Board of Directors.

At the first meeting of the new Board of Directors, Rev. Charles E. Ward of Redwood City was elected President; Mrs. Stephen C. Peabody of San Jose, Vice-President; and the following persons to make up the Executive Committee: Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Prof. Wm. H. Davis, Rev. P. Pierson Parker, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, and Mrs. A. V. Dunn.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill was elected Secretary, Rev. W. Wallace Furze, Treasurer, and Mr. C. B. Wingate, Auditor.

Send Your Subscriptions

Mrs. Bertha M. Bennett, who is the wife of Rev. J. H. Bennett, pastor at Campbell, and who has been an invalid for a number of years, has accepted an agency for magazines and periodicals of all types. She will appreciate hearing from her friends and from our people generally, and will be glad to answer inquiries concerning subscription rates as well as to handle subscriptions and renewals. PACIFIC is glad to learn that Mrs. Bennett, although still suffering from arthritis, is much improved.

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

"Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored;
These mercies bless, and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee. Amen."

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AN EVENING PRAYER FOR A FAMILY

Our Father, we thank Thee for life, and home, and work, and all good gifts that come from Thee. Help us to express our gratitude by the honesty and usefulness of our actions, by the sincerity and kindness of our words, by our loyalty to Christ, and by our service of Thy Kingdom of love.

Bless us as a family. If it be Thy will guard us from all danger; but above all, give us Thy Spirit, that we may be strong and true in every experience of life.

We pray for the increase of goodwill among men, for more righteousness and justice in human relations, for the achievement of peace between nations. May all that we seek and all that we do contribute towards the answer of these prayers.

Forgive what has been weak and wrong in our lives today. Grant us rest this night; and tomorrow may we follow more closely the example of Jesus, our Master. In His name we pray. Amen.

—Prepared by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. Noel J. Breed on instruction by vote of the Santa Cruz Conference.

QUOTATIONS REQUESTED FROM DR. HORTON

In response to the request of many ministers attending the luncheon with Dr. Douglas Horton at Santa Cruz, PACIFIC *prints herewith two remarkable quotations. The first was found on the body of Dr. Edward Adrian Wilson, who accompanied Scott to the South Pole:*

"To My Most Beloved Wife:

"God be with you in your trouble, dear, when I have gone. I have written another short letter to you . . .

"I leave this life in absolute faith and happy belief that if God wishes you to wait long without me it will be to some good purpose. All is for the best to those that love God, and oh, my Ory, we have both loved Him with all our lives. All is well . . .

"We have struggled to the end and we have nothing to regret. Our whole journey's record is clean, and Scott's diary gives the account . . . The Barrier has beaten us—though we got to the Pole.

"My beloved wife, these are small things, life itself is a small thing to me now, but my love for you is for ever and a part of our love for God . . . I do not cease to pray for you and to desire that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will. (Later) God knows I am sorry to be the cause of sorrow to anyone in the world, but everyone must die . . . and at every death there must be some sorrow . . . All the things I had hoped to do with you after this Expedition are as nothing now, but there are greater things for us to do in the world to come . . . My only regret is leaving you to struggle through your life alone . . . I feel so happy now in having got time to write to you. One of my notes will surely reach you . . . Your little testament and prayer-book will be in my hand or in my breast-pocket when the end comes . . . All is well . . . "

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The second quotation is an Act of Commitment by Dr. Thomas Barclay, who signed this statement on each birthday for many years:

"This day do I, with the utmost solemnity, surrender myself to Thee. I renounce all former lords that have had dominion over me; and I consecrate to Thee all that I am and all that I have; the faculties of my mind, the members of my body, my worldly possessions, my time and my influence over others; all to be used entirely for Thy glory, and resolutely employed in obedience to Thy commands, as long as Thou continuest me in life . . .

"To Thy direction I resign myself, to be disposed by Thee in such a manner as Thou in Thy infinite wisdom shalt judge most subservient to the purposes of Thy glory. To Thee I leave the management of all events, and say without reserve, 'Not my will but Thine be done!' "

LAYMEN'S RETREATS IN PROGRESS

As a climax for their year of service, the Commission on Laymen's Fellowship is carrying through a splendid program. A conference was held at Santa Cruz, with Rev. Douglas Horton as the speaker, and this was followed by a luncheon when the laymen had a chance to hear Rev. William F. Frazier and to ask questions.

Beginning on the weekend of October 28, 29, a series of Laymen's Retreats are being held. The first one at Lokoya, for the churches of the Redwood Empire Association and Marin County, though small in attendance, proved to be exceedingly worth while. Before THE PACIFIC reaches its readers the largest of the Retreats will have been held at Byron Hot Springs on November 4, 5. Churches of the Sacramento Valley Association, including Trinity and Modoc Counties, will send their laymen to Hotel Marysville, for the third Retreat, on November 11, 12. Laymen from the San Joaquin Association will assemble at Hotel Tulare, November 18, 19. The final Retreat will be at Saratoga Inn, December 2, 3, for the churches of Santa Clara Association and San Francisco.

The team of leaders is headed by Mr. C. T. Tinker, chairman of the Commission. Other members include Prof. John C. Bennett of the Pacific School of Religion, Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. The questions which are discussed go to the very roots of our faith and include methods of church work, the reasons for missions, and social action.

THE BEST EVER

Once more delegates and ministers are saying that the latest annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference was the best one in its history.

The program certainly was of a high order. Rev. Douglas Horton, D.D., minister and secretary of the General Council, more than justified expectations of him as a great leader and a man of profound scholarship and deep spiritual insight. Rev. William F. Frazier, D.D., executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions, not only presented the cause of his Board effectively but gave a new understanding and appreciation of the sacraments. Mrs. James H. Lash was brilliant and convincing in her resume of the struggle of women for equality, and of the high place they hold in present day civilization. President McGiffert of Pacific School of Religion, Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley, First; Rev. Robert W. Inglis of Oakland, Plymouth, Rev. Verdette Walters of Martinez, by their messages brought a realization that we have in our midst great new leaders.

The hour devoted to "Pilgrim's Progress in 1939" was particularly helpful to those interested in methods of church work, and especially those who are emphasizing the Program of Progress. The discussion groups were stimulating. The national situation tipped the balance in favor of the group considering neutrality, which was ably conducted by Dr. Edwin Dole of Stanford. The closing address by Rev. Raymond Walker of Portland was indeed a signal of the green light to go forward.

There was a minimum of business transacted. The merger of the corporations had been completed. Committees had done their work well. Reports and recommendations were concise. The attendance gradually built up to a climax on Thursday, when laymen came for their own conference and a large number of women for the fall luncheon. The total paid registrations were 381.

Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Mahood and their helpers, in fact the whole Santa Cruz church together, proved to be congenial and untiring hosts. Everything was done that could be done for the comfort of the delegates and the success of the meeting. The formal resolution of this appears in another column.

Rev. C. Virgil Carlson and Rev. Robert A. Bentley were the efficient scribe and assistant scribe, and Moderator William Hawley Davis presided with dignity and yet with sincere consideration for all points of view.

Visit to Church Trustees

This issue of THE PACIFIC comes out right in the midst of a visitation to the boards of trustees of churches being made by Field Secretary Sherman and Superintendent Gill. Mr. Sherman is visiting about forty churches and Superintendent Gill about twenty. A full evening is spent with the board of trustees, the pastor, and other leading lay people, in which the highlights of the story of our missionary enterprise is recounted. Mr. Sherman uses a projector very effectively.

Reports reaching the office indicate that these visitations are changing boards of trustees from indifference and even opposition into active interest and support for the worldwide enterprise of the Congregational churches.

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1940 GENERAL COUNCIL PLANS

Following careful consideration by the Board of Directors with Rev. Douglas Horton, secretary of the General Council, and Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor of First Church, Berkeley, it was tentatively agreed that the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, which is to come to Berkeley, will be held August 14 to 21, 1940. This, of course, is subject to confirmation or change by the Executive Committee of the General Council.

It was voted that the 1940 meeting of the State Conference should consist almost entirely of business sessions, taking place during the 24 hours prior to the opening of the General Council, and that no program for the Conference be planned but that all efforts be centered in getting our people to attend the first General Council meeting ever to be held in our territory. Dr. Horton intimated that some of the features originally planned for the International Council, which has been postponed on account of the war, will be embodied in the General Council program.

Rev. Carl S. Patton

Just at the opening of the Santa Cruz Conference, a telegram brought the information of the death of Rev. Carl S. Patton in Berkeley. The memory of his fellowship and leadership was a benediction to the entire meeting.

Carl S. Patton was born in Greenville, Michigan, in 1866, where his father was pastor of the Congregational Church. His college was Oberlin, and his seminary, Andover. The year of his graduation he was married to Miss Harriet V. Harrison. His pastorates include Auburn, Me.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; and Columbus, Ohio, where he was associated with Dr. Washington Gladden. In 1918 Dr. Patton began a nine-year pastorate at the First Church of Los Angeles, from which he was called to the professorship in Chicago Theological Seminary, but in 1930 he returned to Los Angeles to build the great, beautiful First Church.

In 1934 he became Professor of Homiletics and Public Worship at Pacific School of Religion. He was the author of many books. He was Moderator of the General Council of Congregational Churches.

Besides Mrs. Patton, he leaves four children: one son, Carl H. Patton of Los Angeles, and three daughters, Mrs. Karl MacNair of West Los Angeles, Mrs. J. W. McCrillis of Sacramento, and Mrs. Ray L. Burr of Van Nuys. His funeral was held October 18 from the First Church, Los Angeles.

Warning! ! !

A warning is broadcast by Rev. Raymond B. Walker of Portland, that a man calling himself R. H. Edwards and representing himself as a friend and parishioner of Dr. Walker, is an imposter who has secured funds from a number of ministers on the strength of his pathetic story and Dr. Walker's supposed endorsement.

ANCHOR LAP

Below is presented a church-by-church report showing benevolence contributions for the two months of September and October, the totals for the first ten months of this year and for the similar period a year ago. On September 1 we were ahead of last year by $700, whereas at the end of October we are behind by $300. The result is a serious condition in the treasury of the Conference, and it means that a large number of churches have a long distance to go in the months of November and December in order to exceed last year's level of giving, which we are all desirous of doing. Now is the time to plan for extra offerings, for special attention to collecting pledges, and for sending remittances promptly. A number of churches are substantially ahead of last year; others are seriously behind. It is a task requiring the attention and the loyalty of us all.

Church	Sept. 1 to Oct.31,'39	Jan. 11 to Oct.31,'39	Jan. 11 to Oct.31,'38
Adin	$ 18.00	$ 40.10	$ 26.86
Alameda	—	213.15	320.90
Alturas	—	28.30	33.63
Angels Camp	30.00	95.75	57.50
Antioch	—	15.00	71.98
Auburn	—	60.00	15.00
Benicia	—	—	5.00
Berkeley, First	661.72	3,739.87	3,564.49
Kensington	—	—	10.00
North	71.50	374.35	413.84
Park	17.62	48.69	51.79
Campbell	—	112.00	104.95
Cloverdale	11.54	65.69	44.22
Cotati	—	21.50	50.43
Crockett	19.18	57.48	12.21
Eureka	69.07	310.59	297.18
Fairfax	—	12.50	10.00
Ferndale	39.70	184.51	168.35
Fowler	—	—	18.00
Fresno, First	300.00	579.89	701.33
Pilgrim	—	107.50	160.00
Glen Ellen	—	10.00	—
Guerneville	—	9.00	6.75
Hayfork	—	3.00	—
Hayward	—	50.00	50.00
Kenwood	—	—	33.61
Lodi, First	—	655.50	850.00
Loomis	—	12.98	21.00
Martinez	37.36	201.92	263.67
Murphys	—	60.00	60.00
Niles	5.00	5.00	10.70
Oakland, First	416.66	3,533.48	4,570.14
Fruitvale	12.00	33.00	24.00
Japanese	—	—	5.00
Pilgrim	—	26.00	28.50
Plymouth	113.64	631.33	598.81
Oroville	—	24.60	20.00
Pacific Grove	—	191.22	233.06
Palo Alto	300.00	1,246.63	1,100.00
Paradise	—	105.90	110.00
Penngrove	11.26	15.74	20.01
Pescadero	—	—	5.00
Petaluma	79.32	436.11	435.63
Pittsburg	42.25	157.25	97.32
Port Chicago	—	6.00	—
Porterville	62.50	192.50	100.00
Redwood City	—	462.93	403.89
Rio Vista	30.00	90.00	90.00
Ripon	60.03	152.50	99.94
Sacramento	159.40	556.21	563.17
San Carlos	17.91	66.88	59.90
San Francisco, Bethany Mission Park	84.30	164.21	406.83
Calvary	—	20.00	—
First	270.70	1,265.75	1,250.50
Ocean View	25.00	33.89	15.00
Richmond	—	—	100.50
San Jose	160.00	595.00	467.00
San Leandro	—	50.05	66.06
San Lorenzo	—	10.00	—
San Mateo	225.72	498.60	87.50
San Rafael	—	15.00	—
Santa Cruz	50.00	571.10	600.00
Santa Rosa	24.03	135.38	124.30
Saratoga	96.77	331.33	393.14
Sebastopol	55.32	176.91	144.05
Sonoma	20.50	87.35	96.29
Soquel	25.00	75.00	92.00
Stockton	219.09	471.04	455.23
Suisun	—	35.40	37.00
Sunnyvale	6.54	6.54	—
Sunol	—	20.00	—
Tulare	119.00	304.00	290.00
Weaverville	17.00	101.29	109.60
Woodside	—	—	20.00
Reno, Nevada	83.75	343.29	322.30
Miscellaneous and Individual	41.34	1,756.10	1,316.43
	$4,109.72	$22,069.78	$22,391.49

RIO VISTA. Church attendance has increased. Twenty-three children were recently baptized at one service. Rev. V. Morgan is closing his term as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, but is helping to coach the high school football team.

Message of Church in Time of War

At the Santa Cruz Conference the problem of the attitude of the church toward war and neutrality was discussed by Rev. Stephen C. Peabody of San Jose, Dr. Edwin Dole who substituted for Dr. Charles A. Duniway, and by Superintendent Gill in his report. The Conference asked that sufficient time be allotted for a thoroughgoing consideration of the whole subject under the leadership of a committee to be appointed by the moderator. The committee consisted of Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, and Rev. George W. Hinman. They presented a series of thirteen proposals. Each one was thoroughly discussed and of the number, eleven were adopted and are as follows:

"In view of conditions of war in the world today, we take the following positions:

1. "That we should support both spiritually and financially our Christian missionaries over the world as ambassadors of goodwill among the nations.
2. "That there is a fundamental antithesis between the way of militaristic nationalism and the way of undiscourageable and intelligent good will, which is the way of the kingdom of God.
3. "That we are opposed to the entry of the United States into the current European war under any circumstances; we believe that America's best contribution is not to be made as a belligerent but as a mediator.
4. "That the United States government should follow the policy of economic and military neutrality.
5. "That an embargo should be put upon the shipment of munitions to any nation at any time either in peace or war.
6. "That all goods sold to belligerent countries should be put upon a cash and carry basis.
7. "That we are opposed to war profits for America, and that, in case the present embargo on arms is lifted, the profits should be strictly limited by an excess profits tax.
8. "That neither in peace nor in war should the churches be used as agencies for the promotion of the war spirit, and that churches should not teach the hatred of enemies.
9. "That the churches should offer their fellowship to both those who conscientiously feel that they can take part in war and to those who conscientiously feel that they cannot take part in war, without implication of the church's blessing upon war.
10. "That, like the Quakers, our Churches should give support to those who conscientiously feel that they cannot take part in war.
11. "That we should remove from ourselves all national, racial, religious, class or other hatreds that lead to bitterness and war."

The reason for the smallness of the votes on certain of the propositions was that final decision regarding them came very late in the session after a number of people had left.

Two proposals were not adopted:

1. "That in time of war all exports to foreign nations should be limited to the amounts of the purchases of those nations in time of peace, this quota to be based on the five-year annual average prior to the outbreak of hostilities." It was felt that there were too many angles to this question and too many contingencies that might arise, such as famine.
2. The second proposal, which was laid on the table, was: "That we are opposed to the threat to religious freedom contained in the Industrial Mobilization Act, by which the spokesmen of religion could be made functionaries of the government." The text of this act was not available and many delegates felt that no pronouncement should be made without seeing the actual wording of the text.

ASSOCIATES OF RELIGIOUS THINKING

The Commission on Evangelism is making a handsome offer to growing, thinking ministers of our fellowship in the four books which it is putting forth this year for groups of ministers who wish to work together. The four books chosen for 1939-'40 are timely and significant. They are: "The Human Situation," by M. MacNiele Dixon; "The Healing Cross," by Herbert H. Farmer; "The Neurotic Personality of Our Time," by Karen Horney, and "The Clue to History," by John MacMurray. The leaflet issued by the Associates of Religious Reading, Thinking and Discussion, may be obtained at the State Conference office.

RESOLUTIONS

On recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions at the State Conference, at Santa Cruz, the following statements were unanimously adopted:

Inasmuch as the present conflict in Europe may have serious repercussions in the United States; and since there is a danger, in this time of crisis, that the Old World hatreds will infect our population, due to the fact that we, or our forefathers, have come from every nationality, creed and race in the whole world; our Conference is earnestly determined to resist any propaganda which seeks to divide us into hostile groups along lines of nationality, background, race, or creed, or which seeks to introduce the destructive poison of Old World hatreds and discords into our country and thus undermine our unity as a people; and will guard against transferring to our fellow Americans any animosities directed toward nations or peoples now in conflict across the sea. Regardless of our differences of nationality, race or creed, we deem it our first duty, as Americans, to re-dedicate ourselves to preservation of our democratic heritage of liberty, justice, peace and equality, as guaranteed here in America by our Bill of Rights.

We recommend that the Ministers and churches of this Northern California Congregational Conference cooperate fully with the Church Committee for China Relief, the official agency through which our churches cooperate with other denominations in making a united appeal for China Relief. We approve the plan of "An Unseen Guest In Every Home" as being urged to the end that each family may lay aside the support of at least one refugee or war orphan for so long a time as it will, at the estimated expense of one dollar a month. We urge that the ministers of this Conference cooperate with other ministers in establishing local community committees on China Relief to work with the California Church Committee for China Relief. We suggest as a fair share of the 6,000 refugees which is the goal of the California State Committee, that our individual churches cooperate with the State Committee on China Relief in providing insofar as possible for 400 of these refugees, at the estimated expense of $12.00 each, to care for during the year June 1, 1939 to June 1, 1940.

We commend to the confidence of our people the officers and program of the California Temperance Federation, which we, with other religious denominations, have helped to create as our most effective agency for combatting the evils of alcoholic drink and the beverage liquor traffic.

We record our grateful appreciation of the service of our Superintendent, Dr. Harley H. Gill, who, for ten difficult years has given untiring administrative labor and inspiring leadership to the churches of our Conference. We earnestly trust that he may long continue to serve us as our Chief Minister and Executive Officer.

Profoundly stirred and deeply grateful for the insight and inspiration that has come to us from guest speakers, we extend our sincere appreciation to the following leaders from afar who have contributed so notably to the enrichment of our conference program: Rev. Douglas Horton, Rev. William F. Frazier, Mrs. Mary Darling White, Mrs. James Hamilton Lash, Rev. Raymond B. Walker, and Professor Edwin Dole.

Recognizing the gracious hospitality, the friendly welcome, and the splendid physical arrangements that have been provided for our conference sessions, all these giving abundant evidence of careful planning and preparation on the part of our host church, we hereby extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the following: The City of Santa Cruz and Mayor C. D. Hinkel, the Chamber of Commerce, the newspapers of Santa Cruz, the Episcopal and Christian Churches, the Santa Cruz Church, its pastor, the Rev. H. S. Mahood and Mrs. Mahood, the organist, Wilda Leiner Reed, the choir and soloists, the caretaker and the various committees and individuals who have ministered so well to our needs.

Inasmuch as Moderator William Hawley Davis has brought to our Conference exceptional lay leadership, setting a splendid example for other laymen in our fellowship, we therefore extend to him our sincere appreciation for the gracious and efficient manner in which he has conducted the business sessions and served our conference.

Thorp-Rushmore

On September 13 Rev. Willard Brown Thorp of Palo Alto and Miss Mariel Morris Rushmore, also of Palo Alto, were united in marriage at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Berkeley. Dr. Thorp has recently resigned as pastor of the Palo Alto Church, after 19 years of service. Mrs. Thorp has been a parishioner of his for the past two years. After a motor trip north, they returned to Palo Alto where they will make their home. The staff and the readers of PACIFIC extend hearty congratulations.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, NORTH. The Committee on Religious Education has inaugurated a "Know Your Child" conference for parents and adults interested in child training and development. Among the speakers to appear in the future are Dr. Edna Bailey, Dr. Harold E. Jones, Dr. Herbert R. Stolz, Dr. A. C. McGiffert, Dr. Noel Keys, and Dr. Walter Homan. The entire Sunday School has grown and has new teachers and classes, including a class for young people of college age. The women gave a luncheon, with tables decorated to represent countries in the Pacific area basin. Rev. Pierson Parker, the pastor, was elected Moderator of the State Conference, at Santa Cruz.

PORTERVILLE. "Guides for Life" is the general theme of a new series of sermons being preached by Rev. John H. Gregg. The Ten Commandments interpreted in the light of the teachings of Jesus will be dealt with under the following subjects: "The Starting Point," "The Goal of Living," "The Bridge of Habit," "The Secret of Happiness," "The Best Insurance," "The Sanctity of Life," "The Road to Ruin," "The Rights of Others," "The Way to Success," and "The Mastery of Desire."

SEBASTOPOL. The annual church service honoring the Sonoma County Golden Wedding Club was held in Sebastopol. The two couples present who were married the longest had been joined in matrimony for 61 and 59 years respectively. One Sunday evening, the Sonoma County Christian Endeavor singers gave a musical program. Rev. J. N. Pierce spoke at the September fellowship supper. Rev. G. E. Atkinson, the pastor, was ill following State Conference, but has recovered.

SUNNYVALE. Rev. Charles G. Marshall has resigned and he and Mrs. Marshall plan to make their home with their son in Hawaii. Mr. Marshall has been pastor at Sunnyvale two different times, his last pastorate being more than ten years. He will leave a wide and devoted circle of friends in his parish and in the fellowship of our Northern California ministry.

TULARE. The women of the church have undertaken the modernization of the kitchen, having moved a partition to afford additional room, and have purchased a modern stove. A "stove dinner" netted more than enough to pay for the cost of the stove. A closet for choir robes and storage space for Sunday School supplies have been provided. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

PARADISE. The trimming of the church has been painted and a bulletin board erected. New curtains for the stage have been secured, their cost being defrayed by the young people who gave a play to obtain funds. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, pastor, took his vacation in the north.

FAIRFAX. A hundred and fifty dollars have been raised toward a new roof. The pastor, Rev. Charles L. Mears, interviewed twenty-three prisoners at San Quentin. Missionary speakers from San Anselmo seminary have been heard.

FRESNO, ZION. Rev. John N. Sauer, pastor, has just returned from a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the National German Conference in Chicago.

ANTIOCH. The Upper Bay Institute of the Women's Federation was held in this church on September 9, with Mrs. Mary Darling White and Mrs. R. A. Fuller as speakers. A forum sponsored by the young adult group presented a local physician, who spoke on "Socialized Medicine." Following a pot-luck dinner Miss Mary Coxhead showed colored motion pictures of Guatemala. New choir rail hangings and an altar with covering have been placed in the chancel of the church by the Women's Service Club and the deaconesses. Rev. W. R. Steininger, the pastor, cooperated in exchange Sunday by preaching in Pittsburg.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. Early in October 22 new members were received into fellowship. There has been installed a very fine amplifier system for the general congregation, with outlets for ear phones for those who are hard of hearing. Regular Wednesday evening dinners have been resumed. Each Thursday night there is a week-night service of worship. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. Edgar A. Lowther are the pastors.

TRINITY COUNTY. With special money that came from the Women's Federation and some that was in the treasury, material for an excellent floor was bought for the Hayfork church. A new leader for the young people's group has been secured. The young people's society at Weaverville is much stronger than a year ago. A new woodshed has been built for the parsonage and the garage enlarged. Rev. James D. Salmon, the pastor, brought a delegation to the State Conference at Santa Cruz.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Mr. Herb. Dimock, student at Pacific School of Religion, has been put on the staff as boys' worker. On a recent Sunday, Mr. Dimock and Miss Margaret Waddell were joined in marriage by the father of the bride, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, exchanged pulpits with Rev. S. C. Peabody of San Jose on Fellowship Sunday.

RIPON. Rev. Robert Bentley, with the cooperation of the official board, is conducting a "practice mission" during October and November. It has as its objective the taking of the message of Christ and the church into the world where multitudes live; its aim: every church member a practicing Christian; its text: "Be ye doers of the Word"; its center: the morning church service.

COTATI-PENNGROVE. The Pilgrim Fellowship of these two churches has a program for the autumn, devoting a number of Sunday evenings to the discussion of the various free church denominations and to the missionary agencies of our own fellowship. Rev. C. C. Champlin is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. A cradle roll with a charter membership of 24 has been organized. The enrollment of the Sunday School proper is 166. Rev. H. J. Loken is the pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. Under the leadership of Myron Nichols, the attendance at the Sunday School has shown an increase over that of last spring.

PALO ALTO. Rev. Augustine Jones of Springfield, Vermont, has been called as pastor and will begin his service on Sunday, December 31. He is a graduate of Stanford University in the Class of 1905. During his student days he supplied the Palo Alto Church for a time. He served in Hawaii and later travelled around the world, preaching in Congregational pulpits in various countries and quite extensively in England. His present pastorate has been 11 years in length. He is a preacher of distinction, and an experienced organizer of men's clubs and young people's groups. His brother is Senator Herbert C. Jones of San Jose.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. A month on Missions was observed in October, all of the Sunday morning sermons setting forth the missionary enterprise of the early church. The *Fruitvale Light,* published by the Pilgrim Fellowship of the church, was launched on October 15, and was filled with news notes and contained the pledge of membership. The church is looking forward to the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr. Mr. Orr gave the invocation at the California State Federation of Labor Convention.

EUREKA. Interest in and support for the Sunday morning broadcast is maintained. Some listeners-in are induced to visit the service. Two Sunday evenings have been devoted to hearing reports of the Santa Cruz Conference, given by the delegates. A skit furnished by the Federation of Congregational Women at the October quarterly meeting of the church resulted in ten new subscriptions to *Advance,* eleven for *The Missionary Herald,* and a number for THE PACIFIC. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is pastor.

ALAMEDA. During the summer that has just passed, this church has completed a thorough overhauling and redecorating of its property. New roof and floor covering have been provided in the social wing, and very attractive and colorful modernistic decorating has been done. The total cost was about $3,500, but the result gives the church one of the most attractive plants in our fellowship. Rev. Gail Cleland is pastor.

PETALUMA. Rev. T. T. Giffen inaugurated a fall program by a pastoral letter. An every member visitation is being held. Four-minute talks are given on Sunday mornings by laymen. The minister expects to call in every home. Members are to give personal invitations to friends, and a membership dinner will be held on November 15.

STOCKTON. A program of progress with a goal of fifty new members to be received on December 15 is being led by the pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed, each new member to be won by a present member. Both church and Sunday school attendance for October showed a much larger increase than for the same period a year ago.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. New hymnals have been secured and new chairs presented to the church. Fifty-six visits were made during the month by the two pastors, Dr. B. C. Wong and Rev. Y. S. Tom.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. A canvass of the community for funds for support is in progress. A building site is in process of being purchased.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The choir, the ushers, the organist, and the pastor, took charge of the vesper service at the Temple of Religion on Treasure Island when Rev. Douglas Horton of New York was the preacher. A School of Christian Living is meeting each Tuesday night with classes well attended. Courses on "Love and Marriage," "The Foreigner in Oakland," "Great Books," "Christian Action on Social Problems," and "The Career and Significance of Jesus," are offered. Rev. Robert W. Inglis and Mrs. Inglis have had 150 Plymouth people in their home during the past month.

SARATOGA. Rev. Fred R. Morrow has instituted a "Family Church," expanding the Sunday church school and unifying it with the morning worship. The first quarter of the 11 o'clock period is a joint service with children, young people, and adults. It opens with a cross-led processional and includes a story-sermon, offering, hymn, and children's prayer. This constitutes the worship for all church school departments including the Primary. A weekly church bulletin, church time care of small children, and two young people's societies, High School and Senior Fellowships, are new features.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The social hall at Angels Camp is a busy place. Sunday School lower grades, Campfire Girls, Boys' Club, library, a kindergarten group, the Ladies' Aid Society, and the Young People's Society, all use the building. Three services were held during the month at Sheep Ranch. Sunday Schools are in operation at Melones and Copperopolis. Rgular services and Sunday School are conducted at Murphys. Rev. John G. Dickey is the pastor.

SALIDA. On October 11, the Women's Federation of the Central Association was entertained, with Mrs Mary Darling White as speaker. November 19 the young people of the Central Association will be guests at the church for a rally. A song service once a month, in the evening, has been notably successful. A midweek Bible study group meets Thursday evening at the parsonage with Rev. C. Virgil Carlson, the pastor.

SACRAMENTO. The 90th anniversary of the church was celebrated by a class of 90 new members. With a series of special Sunday services planned, attendance has jumped to nearly 300. Rev. Torrance Phelps, the pastor, follows the plan of preaching not more than about 20 minutes.

BERKELEY, PARK. A five-week survey of the immediate vicinity of the church, with 100 house-to-house calls per week, is being undertaken by the minister, Rev. Tom Watt. His purpose is to determine the exact situation with regard to the future prospects and possibilities.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. Vere V. Loper has taken hold of the pastorate of this great church with vigor and effectiveness. A happy and well attended reception has been tendered to him and his family by the church.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler

The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

WOMEN'S DAY

Thursday, October 19, of our Annual Conference at Santa Cruz, was of special interest to our women. One hundred and eighty-five of them had made reservations for our Federation luncheon. The Santa Cruz women had set places for 210, and had prepared a delicious luncheon. The dining room was aglow with beautiful flowers, and at each place was a gorgeous tuberous begonia with a pin. And then crowds of women surged in, many of whom had made no reservations. The 30 or more Santa Cruz hostesses gave up their places at the tables and gallant efforts were made to meet the difficult situation. But even a generous commissary cannot be stretched to cover 50 to 75 additional guests. Why cannot our women be as punctilious in regard to Federation reservations as they would expect to be in their Clubs? Mrs. Mary D. White of New York, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and better known to us as the national assigner of social service quotas, was the guest of honor. She brought greetings from women all across the country, and also from hundreds of her "family," to whom our quotas go. She told interesting incidents concerning our work among Japanese, Indians, Negroes and whites, and said that we women have great opportunities to pioneer in the creation of better race understanding which shall make a safe America. To be equal to these opportunities and problems, we shall need to be often on our knees. Our President, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, gave a splendid Federation report at the forenoon general conference session, and presided over the afternoon program.

BAY INSTITUTE

Reports of two Association Institutes indicate the fine helpfulness of these fall rallies. At the Institute of the Bay Association (Mrs. E. E. Vehrs, president), held on October 4 in the Congregational-Methodist Temple in San Francisco, Mrs. Mary D. White spoke on "The Woman in the Local Church." She stressed the thought that every woman has some special talent which she should be glad to give to God's work, and that there should be one job well done for every woman in the church. Federation projects were explained by our president, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, who also emphasized ways in which the Federation might help the local church group. Rev. and Mrs. Frank J. Woodward, American Board missionaries on their way back to Mindanao, P. I., were luncheon guests, and gave a stirring message concerning their work. Their four sons are all studying in America, in preparation for missionary work in various countries.

UPPER BAY AT ANTIOCH

The Upper Bay Women's Institute was held at Antioch on October 9, with Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Mary D. White as guest speakers. More than the usual time was allotted for reports of the local women's societies. The session ended with an unusual and impressive women's communion service, led by Mrs. Fuller and served by the deaconesses of the Antioch church. The Antioch Women's Service Club, assisted by the deaconesses, recently placed new choir curtains in the church, adding greatly to its appearance.

THANK OFFERING

This is the month for our Thank Offering and we need $1,500 for our four splendid projects. Seven hundred and twenty dollars goes to our Trinity County work under Rev. James Salmon; $325 goes to Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur, courageously returning to Taiku Hospital in North China; $250 goes to the Children's Project in Grace United Church which serves poor, laboring people in the San Francisco Mission District. This money helps to carry on weekday church school, boys' and girls' classes and clubs, and a summer camp attended this year by 43 children. Our Sebastopol women helped this summer camp greatly by gifts of fruit and other food. Two hundred dollars is to go for the new building at Tillotson, our A. M. A. Negro College at Austin, Texas, and is our additional project this year. "Miss Mary Branch, Ped.D., L.L.D., is the only woman, white or colored," says the Madison Calendar, "to be president of a co-educational, standard, accredited, four-year liberal arts college. In nine years she has created out of a disorderly school of 65 students a high grade institution for Negro boys and girls with 411 regularly enrolled students. A new building to provide offices, class rooms, library facilities, and an auditorium is a *'must'* if the work is to go forward."

Miss Lyons Returns

Miss Lucia Lyons, on her way back to Tehchow Hospital in China, spoke briefly at our September Federation meeting. As do so many of our missionaries, she stressed the dependence on prayer. She took with her a goodly amount of warm baby clothes contributed by a Berkeley Chinese woman; also a package of reconditioned Christmas cards. Recent letters from Dr. Alma Cooke and others tell of tragic conditions in North China due to the worst floods in many years—since 1853, some say. The Women's Board of Missions for the Pacific, at its annual meeting on October 11, voted $100 to Dr. Cooke for flood relief.

PACIFIC BASIN LUNCH

The October meeting of the North Berkeley Women's Auxiliary took the form of a "Pacific Basin Area Luncheon." The social house was decorated with flags of the countries represented. The interesting program included "Songs of Madagascar"; old Hawaiian ceremonial dances with accompaniment of steel guitar and singing; interpretations of the "jarabe" and of Japanese dances; and instrumental music by the Bell Arte Trio. Hostesses presided over luncheon tables representing South America, Japan, China, Australia, Hawaii, Mexico, Guatemala, Java, and Tahiti. Announcements said admission was limited to 125; but 167 made reservations and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

SUPPLIES FOR TRINITY

Rev. James Salmon stopped in Berkeley on his way home from the Santa Cruz conference, and took back to Trinity County for his work there, clothing, Sunday School supplies, a pulpit Bible for the Hayfork Church, and several choice pictures.

OUR BELOVED LEADER SPEAKS

The following quotation, taken from a recent book by Dr. Carl S. Patton, entitled "The Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," is printed by THE PACIFIC *in grateful recognition of the sincere missionary interest which our late beloved leader evinced. It comes with singular appropriateness at this time.*

The returned missionary and the secretary should be given a place in the best pulpits of the country, such as the dignity and importance of their work entitle them to. But the preacher who relies upon them to convert his people or educate them on the work of the Christian church outside of Christendom will be disappointed. It is a thing he must do himself. If he has any gift of popular speech, any humor, any imagination, any eloquence, here is where they are called for almost more than on any other subject. Two talks a year on missions should be a minimum. Let a man speak once on foreign misisons and once on home missions (begging the pardon of those who say, rightly, that the distinction between them is artificial). Let him lay hold on some grand little book, like Sam Higginbotham's *The Gospel and the Plow,* or Ray Phillips' *The Bantu Are Coming,* and exploit the spectacular and practical and human stuff in it. Let him disabuse his people's minds of some of those prejudices and catchwords which are so easily caught and so unintelligently spread—such as that all religions are equally good, or that we have no moral right to impose our religion upon somebody else. Let him show how we owe to the missionaries themselves the larger part of our knowledge of religions other than Christianity. Let him tell again—most people even now have never heard it—the life story of some great missionary statesman like David Livingstone. Let him show the importance of having upon foreign soil, side by side with those Americans or Englishmen who are there to exploit the people and who often woefully misrepresent the countries from which they come, some representatives of the cultural and spiritual side of American or British civilization. Let him not evade any honest criticisms that have been made of missionary work, but let him show how much superior in educational equipment the average missionary is to the average preacher at home. Let him trace some of the bearings of missionary effort upon the cultural life of non-Christian civilizations. Let him not be afraid of misreresenting missionary work by dwelling upon this of its features that will make the best appeal to the average hearer—such features as its schools, its hospitals and dispensaries, its work in health and sanitation; and let him do his level best with the subject, in the consciousness that it is either outside the knowledge or against the prejudices of a large proportion of his people. Let him say to himself, "At this point I am a pleader. I will not be a dishonest pleader, but I will be as forcible and persuasive a pleader as I know how to be."—Pages 153-155.

Sacramento Serves

As part of the program planned by the Women's Division of the Sacramento Church Council, the women of our Pioneer Church this last summer sponsored a daily vacation school, held in perhaps the most neglected area of Sacramento. Mrs. Lauren Groves, chairman of the project, was assisted by about 15 women and young girls who went in turn (usually two each day) from June 16 to August 22. The children attending were Filipino, Mexican, Japanese and Chinese. Twenty-four were registered, and the average daily attendance was 13. The program consisted of Bible stories, character stories, songs, games, and simple handicraft. It is the plan to continue one hour of story telling each week throughout the year, and volunteers among the women and girls of Pioneer Church have already been secured.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS MATERIAL AVAILABLE

A brand-new book of great value, "Financing Our Church," can be had for 10c a copy. Three leaflets may be had, free, in quantities for general distribution: "The ABC of Foreign Missions," "In America for America," "Christianity Can Save Our Civilization." Information cards for canvassers and pledge cards, either single or double budget, are free. Order now from the Conference office.

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